

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 18 (Cancelled)

19. (New) : A crane game comprising:

a crane maneuverable within a target bin by a player and including acquisition means for capturing a target therein;

a plurality of targets disposed within the target bin, each said target having a value associated therewith;

a variable width inclined slot located above said target bin for establishing a diameter of a captured target, the variable width inclined slot comprising a plurality of stations longitudinally disposed along the slot and each station associated with a portion of the slot having a constant width, and wherein a width of the slot at each station increases as an elevation of the inclined slot decreases such that a target moving down the inclined slot will fall through the slot when the width of the slot exceeds the diameter of the target, back into the target bin;

a target conveyor for delivering a captured target to said variable width slot;

a sensor for optically sensing when a target passes through a portion of said slot, and for sensing which portion of said slot said target passes through, said sensor capable

of communicating a different signal depending upon which slot the target passes through;
and

a ticket dispensing mechanism for receiving said signal from said sensor and dispensing redeemable tickets in an amount determined by a signal received corresponding to a particular sized target.

20. (New) : The crane game of Claim 19 wherein said value of said target associated with a size of said target.

21. (New) : The crane game of Claim 19 wherein each target is color coded according to its value.

22. (New) : The crane game of Claim 19 wherein the plurality of targets are located on a rotating playing field within the target bin.